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## READY FOR THE NEW WHITE LABOR

BOARD OF IMMIGRATION MEETS AT NOON—IT HEARS DEFINITELY FROM THE PLANTERS AND ADOPTS A DRAFT OF A LETTER TO SECRETARY ATKINSON ASKING HIM TO GO AT ONCE TO THE AZORE AND MADEIRA ISLANDS.

A meeting of the Board of Immigration was held at noon today, at which definite action looking to the sending of Secretary A. L. C. Atkinson to the Azores and Madeira islands and perhaps to Italy, was taken.

Definite proposals of offers that may be authorized to be made to prospective immigrants were presented by the Planters' Association. Those included a form of lease and contract under which plantations will furnish to immigrants a house, and homestead of an acre, the wages to be paid, and the other emoluments of service.

After the reading of the minutes, Secretary Crabbe read a letter from W. O. Smith, Secretary of the Hawaiian Planters' Association addressed to the Board. In this letter it was stated that the Trustees of the Planters' Association had adopted a resolution urging that the Board secure from the Azores and Madeira Islands 1,000 Portuguese with their families to come to Hawaii, and offering to contribute the funds necessary to secure them. If suitable immigrants could not be secured from these islands then an effort to secure them from northern Italy should be made. As to what definite

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## DISASTER HAS OVERTAKEN LOCAL FERTILIZER FLEET

THREE OF THE VESSELS BOUND TO HONOLULU FROM EUROPEAN PORTS HAVE HAD TO PUT INTO VARIOUS PORTS IN DISTRESS—WHILE A FOURTH VESSEL IS NEARLY OVERDUE—LONG DELAYS IN ARRIVAL OF CARGOES CERTAIN

This has been a disastrous season for the fleet of vessels coming for sugar cargoes and a similar condition exists regarding the fertilizer fleet. No less than three of the fertilizer cargoes have been delayed, owing to disasters to the ships and a fourth cargo is now practically overdue.

The two local fertilizer concerns are likely to soon feel the effect of these delays to their cargoes. The Pacific Guano and Fertilizer Works is the worst sufferer of the two. The ship Herzogin Sophia Charlotte, had to put into Valparaiso in distress, the bark Dunbrinton put into Leith last month dismantled and the bark Paul Isenberg put into the Falkland Islands in distress.

### ALAMEDA SAILS TOMORROW.

The S. S. Alameda, will sail tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the Oceanic wharf, for San Francisco.

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tress. All of these vessels will be delayed from two months to four or five months resuming their voyages.

The only vessel from European port, consigned to the Hawaiian Fertilizer Company, Ltd., is the ship Dumfries-shire. She is now out 172 days from Leith. The local agents are beginning to worry over her. All of these disasters, with the exception of that to the Herzogin Sophia Charlotte, occurred in the Atlantic where the weather appears to have been very severe this season.

Several vessels are under charter to come from South American nitrate ports to Honolulu. No apprehension over these vessels is entertained.

### OFFICIAL CALLS ON ADMIRAL.

Governor Carter went to the flag ship Chicago this afternoon at 2 p. m. to pay his official call on Admiral Goodrich. A salute of 17 guns will be fired upon the departure of the Governor from the vessel. British Consul will call at 3 p. m. today on Admiral Goodrich. The consul will receive a salute of seven guns.

### MONIED MEN.

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## A MILLION DOLLARS IN SIGHT

CAPTAIN BLANCHARD TO START ON A HUNT FOR THE TREASURE ON PALMER'S ISLAND.

A million dollars—that's about all! There may be a few hundred thousand more lying around loose and if there is time the salvage committee, headed by Captain Henry Blanchard, will pick it up. Of course there would be no use in waiting too long for anything with only six figures to it.

"Yes, sir," said Captain Blanchard to the Star this morning "I'd going down to Palmer's Island and there's a million dollars lying out there in the sea which I am going to get."

For a moment it was thought that the skipper meant Palmer Woods' island but this delusion was quickly dispelled. "No," said the captain "it's just Palmer's Island, but there ain't any woods on it. It's a coral island and it lays down that way."

He waved his hand comprehensively towards the South Pacific Ocean.

"I won't tell you exactly where it is because if I did you would know as much about it as I do," said the Captain craftily, and really that seemed to be about right, "but my son is bringing a schooner down from the Coast and we will start after the treasure about the beginning of the year."

"The treasure was lost from a Spanish galleon which was wrecked there some years ago. How many years ago? Well, I don't know, but I guess it's over forty years anyhow. You read history, then you'll find out." The treasure hunter was asked how he knew the treasure was at Palmer's island.

"I seen it myself," he said impressively. "I was there 15 years ago on the schooner General Seagram and I seen it in the water. It is Spanish doubloons and plate and things stolen from churches in South America."

"Why didn't you take the money then?" he was asked.

"I didn't have time then," he said "besides, I lost my schooner." The latter proposition coming, apparently as an afterthought.

It is announced with regret that the captain will not bring his gold and silver and precious stones to Honolulu. He will proceed directly to Chile but does not intend to give anything to the church.

"No, sir," concluded the Captain "I don't belong to the church and I ain't going to give any of my treasure up when I get it."

And he forgot to touch wood!

## TAX APPEAL CASES DECIDED

SUPREME COURT RULES FROM THE BENCH ON GAY & ROBINSON'S APPEALS.

The Supreme Court has decided the Gay and Robinson tax appeals one in favor of the Territory and the other in favor of the appellant. In both cases the decisions were given orally from the bench. The appeal from the MacKawell assessment was argued yesterday afternoon, by Judge Perry for the appellant and Deputy Attorney General Fleming for the tax assessor. The amount of assessment involved was \$120,000, a reduction of this sum being allowed by the court from the assessor's figures.

In the matter of the assessment of Niihau Island property, the assessment was sustained. An appeal to the extent of \$75,000 was taken and was overruled this morning, the court stating after appellant's arguments that it did not want to hear from the other side.

## RUSSIANS' LAND

The report of the appraisers of the land on which it is proposed to settle Russians, on Kauai, was presented to Land Commissioner Pratt this afternoon, and will be turned over to the governor tomorrow. It is understood that the valuation adopted is less than \$10 per acre. The appraisers' report may go into the question of how the land shall be handled by the government, as there is said to be objection to allowing the Russians to secure title in fee, on the ground that after getting such titles they would be able to sell out at several hundred times the amount they would pay for it.

WHAT CHEER? GOOD CHEER! That is if you go to the Criterion whenever you are in need of refreshment.

## Hoffman Skipped On Korea

NEEDED WITNESS LEFT THE ISLANDS AND LINDSAY ORDERS AN INSTRUCTED VERDICT.

Fifteen minutes before the Korea left yesterday afternoon Victor Hoffman hastened aboard with his baggage, though he was relied on to be in Judge Lindsay's court this morning for the case of the Western Iron Works vs. Victor Hoffman and the Honolulu Brewing Company, the latter being the real defendant. It was expected that the trial would take a couple of weeks and Hoffman was in consultation with his attorneys, J. W. Cathcart and R. D. Mead, nearly all of yesterday. He appears to have left the office and immediately made for the steamer. The attorneys asked for a continuance this morning, claiming that it was impossible to proceed without him, but the continuance was denied and a jury was drawn. The plaintiffs declined to proceed and on the court's instruction the jury found for defendants without leaving the box.

The suit was to enforce a mechanic's lien for \$12,374.37, and it was filed in 1901. It had been specially set for today, but the attorneys for the plaintiffs were astonished this morning to find that the principal witness had skipped the country. Both Cathcart and Mead told the court he had promised to remain, and had been with them consulting about the case most of yesterday.

W. A. Kinney, who appeared for defendants, claimed that Hoffman should have been placed under subpoena, so that his departure would have been a contempt. It appeared that Hoffman had left behind instructions for Cathcart to proceed with another suit for him, and Kinney said that if a subpoena had been issued Hoffman could have been punished when he came back. He said that Hoffman had deliberately committed contempt anyhow.

Judge Lindsay declined the continuance and ordered the trial to proceed. The following jurors were drawn and sworn to try the case: L. H. Dee, J. K. Clark, F. J. Robello, Thomas Homan, J. C. Denny, A. L. Wyman, T. F. Fernandez, B. Guerrero, H. Rivers, J. S. Azarado, A. F. Cook, L. M. Vetteaan. As soon as the jury was sworn Cathcart announced that he could not proceed to offer evidence. The court accordingly told the jury to return a verdict for defendant, and this was done. An appeal will be taken.

## DIVER EXAMINING THE E. M. PHELPS

UNINJURED BY STRIKING BOTTOM BUT INSURANCE REGULATIONS REQUIRE EXAMINATION.

Divers are examining the bottom of the ship Erskine M. Phelps. This investigation is being made at the request of Captain Fuller of the underwriters and Bureau Veritas and is practically nothing but a technical precaution.

The vessel was driven on the soft bottom in Manila Bay during the hurricane at that place, her stern getting fast. She was pulled off without any damage and, as there was no leak or any other trouble, she proceeded to Honolulu. She will load sugar at this port for Delaware Breakwater but before any insurance will be given to her, she has to undergo an examination by a diver. Her heel grounded. As soon as the diver reports that she is in good condition then nothing will interfere with her being insured by the underwriters.

Similar action is to be taken in regard to the French ship Ernest Reyer. She grounded at Diamond Head last October and before she departs with marine insurance written on her she must be examined by a diver. If there were a marine railway at this port, large enough to accommodate either vessel, they would be placed on the railway for an inspection but as there is not, they have to be examined by a diver.

The Reyer has received orders to proceed to Sydney Heads. She will sail probably the first of next week. She will go on the marine railway at Sydney.

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## LILUOKALANI ASKS FOR 10,000,000

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—Vice-President Fairbanks has presented in the Senate a petition in behalf of former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, asking for \$10,000,000 compensation for the Crown Lands. The petition was accompanied by an autograph letter from the Queen, requesting early and favorable consideration of her claims.

## MERIWETHER GETS A YEAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—Naval Cadet Meriwether was today sentenced to one year's confinement to the limits of the Naval academy and to a public reprimand. He inflicted fatal injuries upon Cadet Branch during a recent prize fight.

James R. Branch, a cadet from New York, was killed as the result of a combat with fists between himself and a cadet from Indiana named Meriwether. Branch had reported Meriwether for some dereliction of duty the day before, and it was because of this that the fight took place. According to the evidence taken, however, it appears that the fight was brought about and conducted according to the "code" that prevails in the naval academy. At the same time it appears that Meriwether was practically forced into the fight by the "code," that he was the physically slighter of the two, and that twice during the fight he offered to acknowledge himself defeated. The cadets in whose presence the fight took place would not allow this and the fight went on.

## WRIGHT AND TAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—Governor Luke E. Wright of the Philippines is conferring today with Secretary of War Taft regarding the administration of affairs in the archipelago.

### SENATE TO APPROPRIATE CANAL MONEY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations has agreed to report an emergency Panama canal bill carrying an appropriation of \$11,000,000, for the use of the Canal Commission in prosecuting the work.

### TURKEY AND PERSIA FRIENDLY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 12.—A Turko-Persian Commission has been appointed to adjust the frontier dispute between those two nations.

### PRUDENTIAL HELPED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

NEW YORK, December 12.—During the course of the insurance inquiry here today, it was developed that the Prudential Life Insurance Company had contributed \$32,000 to Republican campaign funds.

### RUSSIAN MOBS DESTROYS A CITY.

BUDA BUCHAREST, December 12.—It is reported that the city of Elizabethgrad, Russia, has been burned by a mob that is now killing and plundering the helpless populace.

## NATIVES MAKE GOOD SAILORS

THREE OF THEM WHO SIGNED WITH SHIP ERSKINE M. PHELPS RETURNED WITH VESSEL.

In the crew of the American ship Erskine M. Phelps are three Hawaiians who have made all of the cruises of the present year with Captain Gresham. They are John Waihan, William Pauah and Alec Sebastian. They signed on the vessel in Honolulu last January for the voyage to Delaware Breakwater, as ordinary seamen. The men have given satisfaction and say that they want to reship with the vessel for her trip to Delaware Breakwater next year. They will probably be rated on that cruise, as able seamen.

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### SUPPLY ARRIVED THIS MORNING

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### CHRISTMAS DISPLAY.

A wonderful variety of useful and ornamental goods that will make the best Christmas gifts now on display at N. S. Sachs Dry Goods Co. Special prices in Christmas handkerchiefs.

### NEW ANIMALS AT THE ZOO.

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